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In the Planters' Monthly for June Dr. Maxwell, the distinguished Honolulu scithough rainfall is the only source of sup-

I take occasion to allude to your very opportune editorial in the last (May) tion relative to the supply of artesian EWA BONDS. appears to me to be an immediately nec-Company, you very properly state that "the only cause that has led to this rearable land but no streams. Wells were paragraph, however, to which I particuer islands, where artesian wells now

supply abundant fresh water." It is necessary to emphatically distindistricts upon the several islands. To rainfall upon Molekal, and the undersea, it was apparent that the great body of that discharge was going to the sea of Kaunakakai. Before the American only now beginning to be felt. Sugar Company was incorporated, I

strongly put before the promoters the dire improbability of finding water. A little sweet water (vagrant water) was found, as predicted, but the final results have only too clearly demonstrated the soundess of the views that were based on the geological aspects of the situation, and have shown that the rainfall is wasting into the sea on the other side, where Question of Its Existence is to be it was also stated that water should be found.

Mr. Editor, the situation on Molokai (there are other localities also where water will notice found) must not be confused with other locations. The geological reasons are just as ample and definite for the presence of a relative abundance of water in locations like Ewa, Lahaina, or Haiku as they were emare a guaranty not only for the abundance, but likewise for the constancy and earth the will had proved futile. continuity of the supply. Where water

volume of available water. In a publication some four years ago, more water in irrigation, and especially as these have been accentuated by the past two relatively dry seasons-I say her. time ventured to think. Before the rains courts of Hawali. of last month came some of our wells were getting shaky; since the rains Prof. Lyons has reported the response of the wells to the new mountain supply.

Some wells, even upon the best waterties, like Ewa district, are resting upon discharge, whilst other local ties, and the ecutrix. wells within them are more upon the outer edges of the watershed. In any

district, however, if the draft upon the water runs cose up to the volume of supply the wells will show it, and some will show it sooner than others. I return, however, to the statement that where water is found in abundance today it will always be found in the same abunuance, providing the rainfall continues the same as heretofore.

To suggest that the rainfall may not continue as heretofore (providing we do what we can to maintain it) is beside the question, and I will not waste time upon it I am absolutely sure that the supply of artesian water will keep up in all those localities where its abundance is ample and before our eyes. If more land continues to be brought under irrigation, that does not lessen the natural supply of water. It may, and it must, lead to a more scientific and economic use of the supply. Personally, I am quite sure that the volume of water that is being used in given localities today is capable of rendering couble its present duty-that is, it can be made to furnish double the present equivalent of sugar. The crucial significance of the water supply in relation to our sugar crop is apparent to everybody, and everyone knows what it would mean if the supply gave out. It is also very desirable that no such impression should become current, and merely because misfortune has followed undertakings in certain specinc locations. For such reasons I have thus entist, has an article on our artesian wa- ventured to allude to your otherwise He draws the conclusion that very excellent editorial, and because m is necessary to place beyond question the infallibility of the supply in those usply, that it will not fail. The article is tricts where it is now abundant, unless nature herself utterly reverses her present procedure.

number of your journal upon the subject water on Cahu will be read with interof our water supply, and to venture what est, his opinion being that it is practically inexhaustible, so long as the annual essary explanation. In referring to the be no question that he is correct. That rainfall continues abundant. There can unfortunate collapse of the American Su- these subterranean reservoirs are supgar Company and the Kamalo Sugar plied solely by rainfall is proved by the data of rise and fall kept by the Government. Our remarks in the May number of the Planter were intended to show the sult is the lack of water for irrigation necessity of a closer watch over the purposes. Molokai has an abundance of waste of water, chiefly from the rice plantations, on which a continual flow has been kept up without regard to the sunk in different localities which gave amount required for use and with little excellent fresh water, . . . but later on or no restrictions. This is where more the water in these artes'an wells became watchfulness is called for, and should be too brackish for cane cultivation, and about 400 artesian wells on Oahu, and the work on the American plantation had the total number continues to be augto be abandoned." It is the following mented. While we admit that the rainfall in former years was amply sufficient to keep our wells in good condition, the larly wish to call attention, in which you time may not be far distant when a ha say "it would seem possible from this in well-boring here must be called. The that what has happened on Molokal may annual rainfall on Oahu, and probably on in future decades be repeated on our other all the islands of our group, is unmistakably decreasing, as every one who has lived here for three, four or five decades must be well aware of. Were guish between the water proposition as the full records of rainfall during the it was apparent in the said localities on early years of the nineteenth century Molokal, and the water supplies of other obtainable-say, from 1810 to 1850-they would show years when 40, 50 and perpersons who looked at the matter of the haps 60 inches fell annually, while now the average for the past four years has ground discharge of the water to the fallen below 25 inches, and for 1897 Mr. W. R. Castle's table in the last Monthly, shows the year's rainfall was only 13.67 on the side of the Island facing the Isl- inches, and for 1899 18.42 inches is reportand of Maui, and, owing to geological ed. This change has been brought about desiderata, nothing more than some va- almost wholly by the denuding of our grant water would be found slowly work- mountain ranges on all the islands of

WHERE IS WILL OF D. B. SMITH Capital, paid up

Taken to the Supreme Court.

Whether or not the late D. B. Smith, the wealthy shoe man who fell dead in San Francisco last fall, left a will is to phatic against the probability of water be decided in the Supreme Court of Ha- Joneh Kumalae. in the said locality on Mo.okal. Also the waii. After his death no will could be reasons, on geological grounds, which in- found and a few days ago Judge Standicated that water would be found in the ley appointed Cecil Brown administraabove mentioned, and in other localities, tor of the estate as all efforts to un-

But yesterday Amoy N. Anin, who is found today it will continue to be was for many years Mr. Smith's housefound, and in the same abundance, con- keeper, applied to Judge Stanley for the City of Honolulu for rent. ditional upon the same rainfall that has the probate of the will which has been heretofore obtained. The rainfall is our lost and the petition having been deonly source of fresh water. The rainfall nied by consent an appeal was at once varies with the years, consequently the taken to the Supreme Court.

The petitioner was a legatee under put the average of the annual precipi- the will in the sum of \$5000, and she is tation upon Oahu at 6251/2 billion gallons, said to have positive evidence that Mr. and the volume of dutiance water that Smith made the will in question. This was wasting into the sea at 163 billion evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted consists of several to the theory followed evidence it is asserted to the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is as a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a series of the theory followed evidence it is a s gallons. The results that have followed eral autograph letters from Mr. Smith the sinking of more wells and the use of in which he referred to the will and Commercial and Travelers' Letters of Meserved hund You 8.000,00 the provisions that he had made for

these results indicate that the calcula- The case has aroused much interest tions made four years ago may turn out among lawyers as it is almost the first 12 8, on fixed deposits: 3 months 3 per to be more nearly correct than I at that one of its kind that has come up in the

Gustave Jaeger's Will.

The will of Gustave H. A. Jaeger was admitted to probate by Judge Stanley sheds, are more sensitive than others, yesterday morning. The estate is valued at \$15,600 and Mrs. Annie Jaeger, the back of the extreme convergence of widow of the testator is named as ex-

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BOITOR ADVERT ER: Of the many good things in this morning's Advertiser not the least is the communication from the reverend gentleman so modestly appends to his name a list of geograpulcal terms, ally admiration for both the atter and the manner of his disquisition is so enthusiastic I cannot refrain arom giving it some public expression.

I do not feel that the Sunday newspaper calls for defense or condemnation at my hands. It is a purely business proposition, and as such will stand or fall. True, I have often thought, in the hurry of a busy life, that a Sunday Advertiser would be very welcome on the one morning of the week when I have time to read a morning paper. I must confess that I have been so hungry for something in the way of news on sunday morning as to have bartered sundry nickels for the Sunday Volcano-of su phurous memory.

But let that pass, and I the tongues of men and of angels, I might fitly ex-press my admiration of the manifold wisdom displayed by Rev. W. R. Livingstone, M. A. of Oxford and M. A. of Melbourne. How can I-Yankee (and perhaps "hanky-panky")—as I am, sufficiently express my gratitude for that noble and classical Latin quotation? How shall I evidence my appreciation of that scholarly allusion to the late Mr. Aristotle? And when I consher the masterly clearness and precision which which he elucidates the meaning of that most difficult word "fulfill" I am lost in wonder.

In darkest Hawaii a real live M. A. is so rare as to be an object of awe and veneration. Yet certain of the more stift-necked among us might not bow the knee to an M. A. of Oxford only. But who can dispute with a man who is not only M. A. of Oxford, but also M. A. of Melbourne?

And, then, the modesty of the man! How meekly does he advance his claims "I am an Apostolic priest; I am inspired by the spirit of truth; I mediate between sinners and the Most High; I have power to forgive sins: Behold Me!" With what Christian charity he delivers his opinion of Mr. Moody and the vast body of those who follow Mr. Moody rather than Mr. Livingstone! Far he it from me to craw comparisons between sects, but really the phrase "ignorant Protestants" is pretty good-about as good as "the long-necked geese of the world."

Time fails me to enumerate the many other gems of religion and wisdom scattered with lavish hand by the reverend gentleman. I lay aside my reluctant pen,

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